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20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
21 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
22 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

23 GARNETT A. GEBHARDT,
24 Plaintiff,

25 v.

26 STEVEN CHU, SECRETARY, UNITED
27 STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,
and NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP.,

28 Defendants.

Case No. CV-10-2807 (MEJ)

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
ORDER EXTENDING DISCOVERY AND
TRIAL DEADLINES**

Judge: Hon. Maria-Elena James
Complaint Filed: June 25, 2010

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1 Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 6-2 and 7-12, Plaintiff Garnett A. Gebhardt ("Plaintiff")
 2 and Defendants Steven Chu and the United States Department of Energy ("Federal Defendant") and
 3 Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. ("Northrop Grumman") (collectively, "Defendants"), by and
 4 through their attorneys of record, make the following stipulated request to extend non-expert
 5 discovery and the trial date in the above-captioned matter as follows:

6 WHEREAS, on February 4, 2011, the Court issued a Case Management Order
 7 directing the Parties to complete mediation within 90 days in compliance with ADR L.R. 6-4(b) and
 8 establishing the cut-off for non-expert discovery as August 9, 2011, and the date for trial as February
 9 12, 2012 (Dkt. No. 30);

10 WHEREAS, the Parties jointly requested and the Court granted extending the
 11 deadline for mediation from May 5, 2011, to July 29, 2011, to allow for a more productive mediation
 12 following initial discovery (Dkt. No. 40);

13 WHEREAS, the Parties have diligently pursued, but not yet completed, the exchange
 14 of written discovery and the taking of depositions of key witnesses for both Plaintiffs and
 15 Defendants;

16 WHEREAS, the Federal Government has been unable to produce a substantial
 17 portion of its document production in response to Plaintiff's written request for documents dated
 18 December 22, 2010, because each document must be closely reviewed to identify and redact any
 19 information that would potentially implicate national security interests;

20 WHEREAS, the Court has ordered the Federal Government to produce such
 21 documents and/or privileged logs on or before June 9, 2011;

22 WHEREAS, the Parties have found it challenging to notice depositions given the
 23 conflicting schedules of counsel and numerous witnesses, as well as the fact that most of
 24 Defendants' witnesses are located out of State in Washington, DC;

25 WHEREAS, the Parties have conducted the first day of Plaintiff's deposition, as well
 26 as that of the following key witnesses in San Francisco, CA, Oakland, CA, Washington, DC, and
 27 Salisbury, MD: Steve Minniear, Page Holland, Jean Gallina, and Ed Crawford;

28 WHEREAS, Plaintiff has further noticed for mid-June, but may need to reschedule

1 for early this summer, the depositions of Department of Energy witnesses Tahirah Dumbrill
 2 Solomon, Myron Alston, Carrie Brown, and a Rule 30(b)(6) representative, all of whom are located
 3 in Washington, DC;

4 WHEREAS, the Parties must reschedule due to unforeseen circumstances the
 5 deposition of Jim Summerford, which Plaintiff previously noticed for May 18, 2011;

6 WHEREAS, the Parties are set to mediate the case with the Court-appointed mediator
 7 Linda McSweyn on July 18, 2011;

8 WHEREAS, Plaintiff has filed a motion for leave to amend her Complaint adding
 9 State wage and hour claims requiring additional discovery, and a hearing on the same is scheduled
 10 for June 30, 2011;

11 WHEREAS, the Parties have met and conferred pursuant to the Court's Order dated
 12 May 10, 2011, for the purpose of determining a reasonable extension of the pretrial and trial dates in
 13 this case, and agreed to a schedule that does not conflict with counsels' pre-existing commitments,
 14 including other trials set for 2011 and 2012 (Dkt. No. 42);

15 WHEREAS, there have been no previous modifications to the dates set by the Court's
 16 initial Case Management Order, except the request to extend the deadline for the Parties to complete
 17 mediation;

18 WHEREAS, the Parties in good faith believe that additional time is necessary in order
 19 to travel back and forth to the East Coast to complete the depositions of key witnesses, respond to
 20 written discovery without compromising national security interests, and fully explore the possibility
 21 of settlement;

22 WHEREAS, the Parties agree that extending the deadline for discovery and trial
 23 would serve the interests of judicial economy and not cause any prejudice; and

24 THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the Parties, through
 25 their respective counsel, that the Court modify the deadlines set forth in the Case Management Order
 26 by approximately four (4) months to extend the cut-off for non-expert discovery until no sooner than
 27 December 15, 2011, and the trial in this matter until no sooner than June 15, 2012.

1 Dated: May 25, 2011

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Dated: May 25, 2011

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ORDER

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Parties' Stipulation, above, is approved and adopted as the Order of this Court, as follows:

1. The cut-off for non-expert discovery in the above-captioned matter shall be extended from August 9, 2011 to a date no sooner than December 15, 2011; and

2. ~~The date for trial shall be extended from February 12, 2012 to a date no sooner than June 15, 2012.~~ All other pretrial and trial deadlines are VACATED pending resolution of Plaintiff's motion to amend.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 26, 2011



Maria-Elena James
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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